

Table B - BASIN PLAN AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO REPLACE CATEGORICAL WAIVERS CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED BY NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER BOARD RESOLUTION NOS. 87-113, 89-131 & 92-135

Current Waiver Category	Current Waiver Conditions	Preliminary Staff Recommendation	Proposed Basin Plan Strategy
Air-conditioner, Non-contact Cooling & Elevated Temperature Water	Discharges to storm drains, to land or in small volumes which will not change temperature of receiving water, & no water quality problems are anticipated, & discharge rates are satisfactory	Eliminate storm water discharges from this category. Renew waiver category before 1-1-03 for discharges to land only. General Permit should be adopted for all discharges to surface waters.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for Air-conditioner, Non-contact Cooling & Elevated Temperature water discharges to land only.
Storm Water Runoff	No water quality problems are anticipated & no NPDES permit is required by federal regulation &, in the case of industrial plants, where there is no potential for contact with process wastes, raw materials, toxic, or hazardous wastes.	Some storm water runoff categories are now covered by statewide storm water regulations. This existing category should be retained to address storm water runoff not governed by statewide regulations.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for storm water runoff not covered by statewide storm water regulations.
Confined Animal Wastes	Where Discharger complies with Basin Plan & no federal NPDES Permit is required.	Terminate categorical waivers for Confined Animal Wastes before 1-1-03 pending the development of statewide recommendations under the lead of the Central Valley Regional Water Board. In the interim, confined animal waste discharges should be regulated on a case-specific basis.	Pending development of statewide recommendations & RWB guidance.

Short-term Sand & Gravel Operations & Processing	Operations wash waters are confined to land & stockpiles are protected from storm flows	Terminate all categorical waivers for Sand & Gravel Operations & Processing before 1-1-03 except those for non-commercial one-time projects where wash waters are confined to land & all stockpiles are protected from storm flows. Projects must comply with applicable local policies. Commercial operations are subject to General WDRs (under development) &/or storm water regulations.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for non-commercial one-time Short-term Sand & Gravel Operations which discharge to land only. Stockpiles shall be protected from storm flows & projects shall comply with applicable local policies.
Swimming Pool Discharges	Where beneficial water uses will not be affected.	Renew categorical waiver before 1-1-03 for discharges to land only, where no water quality problems are anticipated. General permit (to be developed) will be used as appropriate.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for Swimming Pool Discharges to land only, where no water quality problems are anticipated.
Food Processing Wastes Spread on Land	Small, seasonal, & confined to land, or operation/maintenance plan has been approved.	Renew categorical waiver before 1-1-03 for discharges to land, where no water quality problems are anticipated.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for Food Processing Wastes Spread on Land only, where no water quality problems are anticipated.
Agricultural Commodity Wastes	Small, seasonal, & confined to land.	Renew categorical waiver before 1-1-03 for discharges to land only, where no water quality problems are anticipated.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for Agricultural Commodity Wastes discharged to land only, where no water quality problems are anticipated.

Industrial Wastes Utilized for Soil Amendments	Industry certifies non-toxic & non-hazardous content & BMPs for agricultural application are used, no water quality impacts are anticipated, & discharger complies with California Administrative Code, Title 23, Chapter 3, Subchapter 15.	Renew categorical waiver before 1-1-03 limiting discharge to inert wastes (add definition) only. The reference to BMPs should be eliminated as the term is not definitive for this waste category.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for Inert Industrial Wastes Utilized for Soil Amendments where no water quality problems are anticipated.
Timber Harvesting	Operating under approved Department of Forestry Timber Harvesting Plans or Federal Timber Sales & complies with Basin Plan.	Please see recommendations included in body of staff report.	Pending RWB direction.
Timber Harvesting: Nonindustrial Timber Management Plans (NTMPs)	Operating under approved Department of Forestry Timber Harvesting Plans & complies with Basin Plan.	See above.	See above.
Irrigation Return Waters	Operations meet Basin Plan objectives for turbidity, discharge is not toxic to fish & wildlife, & no water quality impacts are anticipated.	Terminate categorical waiver for Irrigation Return Waters before 1-1-03 pending guidance from SWB & RWB. Regulation in the interim should be case-specific.	Pending SWB & RWB guidance.

Individual Sewage Disposal Systems & Small Community, Commercial, Institutional, & Industrial Operations Which Utilize On-site Wastewater Treatment & Disposal for Domestic Wastes.	Project has permit of a local agency & complies with the Basin Plan.	Renew the categorical waiver & current waiver conditions before 1-1-03 for individual sewage disposal systems & on-site wastewater treatment & disposal systems pending the development of statewide regulations consistent with AB885.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for Individual Sewage Disposal Systems & Small Community, Commercial, Institutional, & Industrial Operations Which Utilize On-site Wastewater Treatment & Disposal for Domestic Wastes. Categorical waivers should be conditioned on approval of local permitting agencies & compliance with the Basin Plan Policy on the Control of Water Quality with Respect to On-site Waste Treatment and Disposal Practices.
Flow-through Seawater Systems & Aquacultural Operations	No water quality problems are anticipated & no federal NPDES permit is required.	Renew the Categorical waiver for Flow-through Seawater Systems & Aquacultural Operations before 1-1-03 requiring compliance with the Basin Plan & prohibiting adverse water quality impacts resulting from the discharge of hormones, biocides & antibiotics.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for Flow-through Seawater Systems & Aquacultural Operations modifying waiver conditions as shown in preliminary staff recommendation.
Use of Reclaimed Wastewater for Soil Compaction or Dust Control, & other Construction Purposes	Use is limited to dry periods or short duration & applicable Department of Health Services guidelines are followed.	Renew categorical waiver before 1-1-03 for use of reclaimed wastewater for soil compaction or dust control, & other construction purposes provided that project complies with current waiver conditions & statewide reclamation requirements.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for the Use of Reclaimed Wastewater for Soil Compaction or Dust Control, & Other Construction Purposes conditioned on compliance with current waiver conditions & statewide reclamation requirements.

Lake or Reservoir Drainage Projects	Pollutants are not present, discharge rates are satisfactory, & sediment control measures are in place.	Renew categorical waiver for Lake or Reservoir Drainage Projects before 1-1-03, provided that discharge is to land & no water quality impacts are anticipated	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for Lake or Reservoir Drainage Projects provided that current waiver conditions are met, discharge is to land only, & no water quality impacts are anticipated.
Low-volume, Noncontaminated Wastewaters Generated by the Installation & Purging of Monitoring Wells During Groundwater Contamination Investigations.	The discharger files a ROWD, which provides the technical information necessary to demonstrate that the discharge will not reach surface waters, will prevent environmental contamination & pollution or nuisance, & is contained to property controlled by the discharger.	Renew waiver category & current waiver conditions before 1-1-03 for Low-volume, Non-contaminated Wastewaters Generated by the Installation & Purging of Monitoring Wells During Groundwater Contamination Investigations.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for Low-volume, Non-contaminated Wastewaters Generated by the Installation & Purging of Monitoring Wells During Groundwater Contamination Investigations. Renew current waiver conditions.
Discharges Associated with the Incineration of Soils Contaminated with Petroleum Hydrocarbons	The discharger files a ROWD, which provides the technical information necessary to demonstrate that the discharge will not reach surface waters, will prevent further environmental contamination & pollution or nuisance, & is contained to property owned or controlled by the discharger.	Renew waiver category & current waiver conditions before 1-1-03 for Discharges Associated With the Incineration of Soils Contaminated With Petroleum Hydrocarbons.	Add a categorical waiver to the Basin Plan before 1-1-03 for Discharges Associated With the Incineration of Soils Contaminated With Petroleum Hydrocarbons. Renew current waiver conditions.